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**IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO FOR
BOVINE EMBRYOS EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The embryos must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the embryos to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The donors animals are on premises which during the 60 days prior to collection have not been under any quarantine restriction.
Las embras donadoras se encuentran alojadas en granjas que no han sido cuarentenadas durante los 60 dias anteriores a la obtencion de los embriones.
2. During the collection and processing of the embryos, the donor animals were free of any clinical evidence of transmissible diseases.
Las embras donadoras estan libres de signos clinicos de enfermedades transmisibles durante el periodo de produccion y colección de embriones.
3. The semen used to inseminate the donors which generated the embryos meets the minimum requirements established by the Certified Semen Services (CSS) for disease control of semen produced for AI.
El semen utilizado en la produccion de embriones ha sido procesado de acuerdo a lo estipulado en los “servicios del semen certificado” (CSS) para el control de enfermedades en semen producido para inseminación artificial.
4. The embryos come from healthy donors located on farms or from States that are free of brucellosis and tuberculosis.
Los embriones proceden de hembras sanas y de granjas o estados reconocidos como libres de brucellosis y tuberculosis.
5. The collection and processing of the embryos was made under the supervision of an accredited veterinarian following the guidelines of the international embryo transfer society.
La colección y procesamiento de embriones para exportación fue supervisada por un medico veterinario acreditado y bajo los lineamientos de la sociedad internacional de transferencia de embriones.
6. The embryos were washed 10 times (including trypsin washes) in embryo culture media.
Los embriones fueron sometidos a 10 procesos de lavado (incluyendo el uso de tripsina) en medio de cultivo de embriones.

Other Information

1. The U.S. origin health certificate must be typewritten. Handwritten certificates will be rejected by the Mexican Animal Health authorities.
2. All strws/ampules must be propoerly identified.
3. Mexico recommends that the importer verify the genetic quality of the embryos (including BLAD in dairy cattle).